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Hongkong, 27th February, 1888.

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for them. What it is desirable to say to the

public we must assume they will say in their

report, and we therefore fail to see any reason

why their preliminary discussion should be

reported.

In addition to the evidence which they

have taken, the Commission will no doubt

have before them all the Medical Reports and

have appeared since the Foundation of the

colony. Most of our readers have no doubt

followed with interest the oral examination

of witnesses, but in order to enable them to

weigh the value of that evidence it is neces-

sary to know something of the history

of the colony in the past. In the early days

of the colony Hongkong was looked upon as

a fever stricken climate that might without

much exaggeration be called deadly. Be-

tween the sixties and the eighties of the

last century, foreign residents generally had

improved, and in 1862 we find Dr. Munro,

the Colonial Surgeon, writing in his re-

port that the colony appeared to have

a better climate than it was credited

with, he thought it necessary to point out,

however, that the majority of foreign re-

sidents did not remain in Hongkong to die,

but went away when they got sick. His

report for 1863 contains remarks in a

similar strain, but he again thinks it

necessary to make a saving clause, and

he therefore repeats information ob-

tained from another Government depart-

ment to the effect that one third of the

residents changed every year. His sur-

prise at the continued small mortality

among the foreign population seems to

have gone on deepening, and in 1867, in

his efforts to explain it, he mentions that

there were comparatively few females and children

in the colony, the two combined not

equalling in number the adult males.

(Times have changed since then) and that

the sick were as a rule sent away. Still, he says,

making every allowance for the result will com-

pare favourably with that of any other

settlement of similar extent situated on

the verge of the tropics. In his report for 1868

he says: "The death rate has been lower than

small in this colony and would appear al-

together incredible when it is remembered

that it has reference to that colony, situated

on the verge of the tropics, the name of

which was at one time considered synony-

mous with all that is pestilential. At the

same time it must not be forgotten that the

character of this population is not analogous

to that of England, but is principally com-

posed of that class most favourably circum-

stanced, both in regard to age and means,

to ensure the smallest mortality, besides

which the chronic cases of sickness are

generally sent away." During the next few

years fever appears to have attracted more

attention, and in the report for 1871, written

by Dr. Dods, then Acting Colonial Surgeon,

we find an interesting note on the subject

giving in brief the fever history of Hong-

kong up to that time. It is of practical im-

portance as bearing on the present inquiry,

for whereas the witnesses examined have

stated that fever was a new thing at West

Point, Mr. ATKIN, going so far as to say

that he had lived in Hongkong for 28 years,

had resided in the Western District for 26

years, and until within the last two years

had never heard of fever there. Dr. Dods

report shows that there was in 1870 an out-

break in the same district and apparently

of a similar or even worse character than

that which has compelled so much attention lately.

Dr. Dods says:—

The cases of intermittent and remittent fever in

1870 were comparatively few, and the statistics

of these fevers compared favourably with those

of the greater prevalence of fever in 1870, de-

pendent in a great measure upon the excessive heat

and the prevalence of the disease in the Western

District, and the fact that the disease was

common to some extent in the peninsula

situated between the two points of the colony.

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system had been in operation for ten years

before the fever made its appearance. Pro-

ceeding in an review of the Medical Re-

ports, we find Dr. Dods in 1872 writing:—

"It is worthy of note that Hongkong fever

is most prevalent when the rainfall is below

the average and the range of the thermometer

small." In 1873 Dr. Ayres reports on the

small mortality amongst the foreign residents,

which was one-fifth less than in the previous

year, and mentions that the rainfall was 13

inches more. In 1877 he mentions that there

had been a considerable amount of upland

fever, especially at Kowloon. In 1882 the

mortality showed the lowest percentage for

